

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5-11, and 26 are pending in the application. Claim 2 has been amended, leaving claims 2, 5-11, and 26 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the Amendment and Remarks submitted herewith.

A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. Claim 2 has been amended based on original claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for his cooperation on the telephone. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the new, undersigned attorney handling this matter for any reason. Applicants see to cooperate with the Examiner and expedite prosecution. It is respectfully requested that a first office action not be made a final office action.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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